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Shake your 'money maker'

By Ryan Daley
Staff Writer

Four Bryant seniors finished as the first runner up team representing Bryant in The College Fed Challenge (CFC) at The Federal Reserve Bank (the Fed) of Boston on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Christopher Dwyer, James Gallant, Erik Miller and Olanrewaju Oyedotun finished ahead of eight other New England schools including ivy leaguers Harvard and Dartmouth, as well as other esteemed institutions such as Tufts University, Salem State, Bridgewater State and Western New England College. Boston College won the competition and U-Mass Boston trailed Bryant as the second runner up.

The CFC was introduced by the Fed to make the college community more knowledgeable about the Fed and the decision making process used by its monetary-policy setting body, Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC). The CFC is held at each of the Fed districts in Boston, Chicago, New York, and Richmond.

The competition requires three-to-five-member teams to research and analyze data about current and near-term economic conditions, and then decide upon a specific course for monetary policy with interest rate recommendations in a presentation before a panel of judges.

The teams are allowed a maximum of 20 minutes to present in which they are expected to analyze current economic conditions up to the day of the competition; project a forecast for near-

term economic and financial conditions critical to the development of monetary policy; identify and discuss present significant economic, financial and international issues that should receive special attention in formulating monetary policy; and recommend whether

the Fed should increase, decrease, or take no action at the present time with regard to the fed funds (interest) rate.

The CFC aims to increase students' awareness and understanding of the role of the Fed in the economy; promote greater interest in economics as a

subject for undergraduate and post-graduate study, and as the basis for a future career; and develop students' research, cooperation, presentation and critical thinking skills.

In what Professor Ramesh Mohan, assistant professor of economics and the team's faculty advisor, called "quite unique," the Bryant team performed a scene where two former chairmen of the Fed, Paul Volcker and Alan Greenspan, played poker with the current chairman, Ben Bernanke, the night before a FOMC meeting. The group discussed "with lots of humor," Mohan asserted, current U.S. economic conditions, making economic forecasts for the near term and justifying the Fed's policy recommendation on the federal funds rate.

Gallant played Volcker, Miller played Greenspan, Oyedotun played Bernanke, and Dwyer was the dealer. Miller comments "The skit was a lot of fun" and remarked "I have much more respect for the job of the Fed. Deciding whether or not to raise interest rates by 25 basis points seems like a simple binary choice, but you could not imagine the amount of data, research, analysis, insight, forecasting, and technical expertise that goes into that decision."

In addition to the guidance of Mohan, Professor Laurie Bates and Professor Peter Nigro contributed heavily to the preparation. Miller summed the team's feeling about the help the professors provided: "Professor Bates, Professor Mohan, and Professor Nigro were

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Photo courtesy of Ramesh Mohan

Team members Erik Miller, James Gallant, Olanrewaju Oyedotun, and Christopher Dwyer finished ahead of eight other New England schools at The Federal Reserve Bank's College Fed Challenge. The Bryant team surpassed Harvard, Dartmouth, Tufts University, Salem State, Bridgewater State and Western New England College.

Bob Lafond wins 'Kiss a pig'

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

This past Friday the Multicultural Student Union held the annual kissing of the pig ceremony for their kiss a pig fundraiser. This is an annual tradition in which MSU has taken in part for a long time now. There are several contestants who students can donate money to if they want to see the selected individual kiss a pig. All of the money that was donated went towards the American Diabetes Association. The person with the most money donated for them to kiss the pig must kiss a live baby pig.

There were several contestants participating in the fundraiser including, Abraham Hunter, Amr Zawawi, Bob Lafond, Bob Sloss, Bret Clancy, Dan Klotz, Elieen Hayes, Hank Parkinson, Ken Person, Marty Fine, Michelle Sobol, Paul Bi, and Ramon De Los Santos. The winner of the contest was Bob Lafond.

MSU thanks everyone for their donations to the fundraised benefiting the American Diabetes Association. The winner of the contest has to kiss a pig because pigs aid in insulin development procedures for people who have diabetes.



Every year, MSU sponsors a "Kiss a Pig" contest nominating members of the Bryant community. After weeks of donating money for the nominee of their choice, students, faculty, and staff chose Bob Lafond, Academic Advisor, to kiss the pig. All proceeds from the contest are donated to the American Diabetes Association.



Event Planning Bootcamp

By Jaritza Cortes
Campus News Editor

Sunday afternoon the new Event Management Program and the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO) held an event planning "boot camp" session in the Bryant Center. Among the guest speakers who presented was Chad Michael Peters, a well known wedding planner from Massachusetts and Fidelity Investment's Corporate Event Planner, Amy Erickson. Other speakers included Jack Ferrell, a local entrepreneur of Differ Rentals and Jennifer Cook of the F.H. French Co. Inc.

The Event Planning Boot Camp was put together by a team of five students under the leadership of Troy Byrd, the CEO advisor who will soon be launching his own company, Byrd Ventures. Troy Byrd has been the director of the Global Entrepreneurship Program at Bryant for five years and is recognized for making the Elevator Pitch Competition a campus-wide event. As Byrd prepares for a new chapter in his entrepreneur career he leaves behind a group of dedicated students who have worked with him this semester to developcreate the Event

Management Program.

Shawna Haggarty has been the event planner and EMP liaison with CEO in organizing the Event Planning Boot Camp. She has worked with CEO alongside the EMP team: Jaime Stephens, research captain, Allison LaBonte, consultant, Allison DiMaggio in conference execution, and Michela Giordano in hospitality relations.

Before Troy Byrd launched the Event Management Program he sent a campus-wide email about the program and got about 80 students who responded with interest. By merging the program with the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization he was able to get a large number of students involved and hold meetings to educate students about the event planning industry.

The four keynote speakers who presented at the Event Planning Boot Camp all had one common opinion, that they loved their job. Both of the event planners, Chad Michael Peters and Amy Erickson, agree that their jobs require them to put in months of hard work and planning and although it can be hectic at times they truly enjoy what they do.

Dominican minister breaks Da Vinci Code

By Kelly Drew
Staff Writer

Ever since its publication in March 2003, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown has been a hot-button issue among religious groups and in the American culture in general. Countless books, documentaries, and other media have been created in retaliation to this literary juggernaut. On Tuesday, students were able to view a presentation from a Dominican minister (Rev. Thomas Blau, OP) that aimed to debunk myths perpetuated by *The Da Vinci Code*.

Reverend Blau began by giving a brief history of the Dominicans. They were a missionary group within the Catholic church that started in the 13th century, after there was dissent as people realized only bishops could preach. They formed their own sect, called Canus Domini- meaning "God's junkyard dogs," as Reverend Blau translates.

Blau added a disclaimer to the beginning of his discourse, saying that "If you're helping people grow into their spiritual side, you're doing a great job. . . . Dan Brown generated a whole industry beyond his money-making." With that in mind, Blau went on to dispel Brown's false claims from with Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish viewpoints.

Showing the aforementioned literature, Blau went through fifteen separate works lashing out against the material in *The Da Vinci Code*. Sifting through the pile, Blau recommended books such as *The Da Vinci Deception* by Erwin Lutzer, *Why Do Catholics Do That?* by Kevin Orlin Johnson, and *Pagans and Christians* by Robin Lane Fox, the website *HowThingsWork.com*, but he denounced the History Channel's special "Unlocking The Da Vinci Code," calling it a "schlockumentary."

Blau first brought up two primary areas of concern: what Dan Brown does with Christianity in

the novel, and what he does with the study of history. The reverend claimed that Dan Brown claims Christianity to be a hate religion, denies the divinity of Christ, and casts doubt on the Christian scriptures. While there were scriptures that made outrageous claims, "you don't want your kids to read the one about Jesus the gigolo or Jesus the baby-killer" (both of which actually existed). Brown is also purported to employ an "intellectual crutch" - conspiracy theory.

The first root of the problem of *The Da Vinci Code*, according to Reverend Blau, is that Brown says at the beginning of the novel "that it is all fact." However, the publisher classifies it as fiction. "It doesn't work like that," the reverend said. Pointing to a student in the audience to emphasize his point, he told him "You are a very tall short person." The two adjectives cannot exist together. Blau also lambasted Brown's use of flowery rhetoric to embellish facts, such as the discovery of the Priory of Sion. It was not in 1099, but rather in 1956, through old newspaper clippings, not parchment.

As for the supposed "hidden clues" in the paintings in the Louvre, the famous Mona Lisa anagram claim is not factual either, as the Mona Lisa is only called that by English speakers. The painting is referred to as La Gioconda everywhere else in the world. The Last Supper, easily ripped off the wall on which it is hung and smashed by the novel's heroine Sophie Neveu, is in fact extremely heavy and bolted to the wall and surrounded by sensors, making such a feat impossible. As for the secret symbols supposedly in the painting, there is a reason for the lack of a chalice- the Holy Grail was a Christian addition. The disciples and Jesus were practicing regular Jewish customs by each having a cup. "All art doesn't try

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- *The Women's Center has compiled a list of locations selling the Morning After Pill along with their prices. Currently, Target (Smithfield) is selling the pill at the lowest price, \$35.00. For more information or locations, stop by The Women's Center on the 3rd Floor of the Bryant Center.

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International Education Week

By Jaritza Cortes
Campus News Editor

In celebration of International Education week several events have been put on throughout campus to educate and entertain. Sunday night the Intercultural Center hosted a Diwali dinner, Hindi festival of the lights. Monday afternoon the opening Flag Ceremony was enjoyed by many as a large display of the world flags were paraded throughout campus and into the rotunda.

Later Monday night in the Bryant Center a panel gathered to discuss immigration challenges for children and teens. This panel discussion was organized by Sandra Enos of the Department of History and Social Sciences. It included guests Bill Shuey, the Director of the International Institute and Jonathan Melendez, a student at Johnson and Wales University who discussed the issues immigrant students face when trying to continue in post secondary education.

Roundtable discussions were held throughout the week for study abroad students to share their experiences with prospective study abroad students, as well as to discuss the issues of being a woman in different countries, and to learn about the challenges of doing business across borders. Shows throughout the week included the African Hip-Hop Concert Tuesday night with artists from Nigeria and Tanzania and the President's Cultural Series concert by Mango Blue Thursday night. The finale of International Education Week will be today at 8 pm in the MAC-the show, I2I, will convey traditional styles and dances of countries around the world.

As globalization continues to expand it becomes more crucial for students to be aware of cultural differences and international issues. Each of the events this week were organized to educate the Bryant community about the issues that we should acknowledge in today's shrinking world. Events like the ones held for International Education Week bring culture to us without having to purchase a plane ticket.



Photo courtesy of Danielle Malatesta

Da Vinci Code presentation

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to speak a message," Reverend Blau stated. The famous inquiry of whether it was Mary, not John, placed next to Jesus came under fire when Blau showed different pictures Da Vinci had created to the audience, asking "Is that a male or female?" In most cases, feminine-looking figures turned out to be men, as was the style of painting at the time.

Reverend Blau posed questions for consideration. "What kind of evidence is required to disregard the expertise... of art?" "Is 'able to be imagined' sufficient?" He went on to clear up more misconceptions, like the fact that Jahovah is the German equivalent of Yahweh, and was not used as a synonym for the Lord until Germans translated it as such. The biggest

problem Blau had with Brown was that he seemed to ignore the hold Judaism had in history. Brown held the emperor Constantine responsible for many important events in Christianity's history when in fact he had nothing to do with them, like making Sunday the Holy day or turning Jesus into a deity.

Reverend Blau described two ways to tout one's religion: the "god maker" approach (whoever you believe in, you deity), and the "know your god" approach (spread knowledge of their status as a lord). Many gospels of the Bible were thrown out for these reasons. Some, like the Gospels of Philip and Thomas as well as the Infancy Gospels, were rejected as early as the second century AD for posing ideas too radical for the mass public (such as the Jesus as a pimp or committer of

infanticide). Brown, however, cited these as evidence of Jesus and Mary Magdalene's hidden union. These spurious references only act as fodder for the backlash against Brown's credibility.

The last topic Blau covered at length was the solving of the "Mary Mags" theory. Mary Magdalene, the woman who we know today, was actually composed of three people: Mary Magdalene the prostitute, Mary of Magdala, and Mary of Bethany. Blau also dismissed "facts" about the Louvre Pyramid (it has 673 panes of glass, not 666) and the Knights Templar.

He closed with a thoughtful question: "At which step should we draw the line [of artistic license]?" The event was put on by SPB and Campus Ministry.

College Fed Challenge

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more than just advisors; they were our coaches, they were our managers, and they were our friends."

Each team also faced 15 minutes of questions from the panel of judges related to the team's understanding of economics, monetary policy and the role of the Fed. The questions took the form of interpretive, hypothetical, historical, evaluative, and probes based upon the presentation.

The highest scoring team in the District Final advances to the National Competition in Washington DC to be held Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at the Board of Governors of the FRS. National Awards, provided by The Moody's Foundation are \$35,000 shared among

the four winning teams and \$20,000 shared among those teams' sponsoring college departments.

Only one team registration is allowed per college or university located in the Boston Fed's District of CT, MA, ME, NH, RI and VT. Bryant's team started after the Economics Department received an invitation from the Fed. Mohan took the initiative to put the team together and professors within the department made suggestions of top students to participate.

Next year, Bryant will have a Fed Challenge Club, which Mohan says the Economics Department "has agreed to fund, in line with the mission of the Applied Economics degree now offered." Anyone interested in economics can join the club "to

develop the skills to analyze internal and external factors affecting the economy and make relevant forecasts." The club will host a monthly meeting and offer blackboard discussions among members, and will bring representatives from the Fed to talk to students.

At the beginning of the 2007 fall semester, the club will host a competition at Bryant to select the best students to represent Bryant at next year's CFC. Harvard uses a similar technique to select its team. Mohan believes that participation in the CFC is important because "It is one way to expose students, through hands-on experience, to the economy, market and the Fed - part of the exclusivity of our Applied Economics degree program."

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Triumphant Tuesday for Democrats; voters oust casino

By David Giardino
Staff Writer

Please Note: This piece was written for the November 10, 2006 issue. However, in the process of putting the paper together, the piece was misplaced. When submitted all information was timely. We apologize for this mistake. Thank you.

The Republican Party failed to address the rumblings of contempt, the "unofficial polls" expressing dissatisfaction for the direction of America, and the plummeting approval ratings of President Bush. Add that to the growing disapproval ratings towards the war, and you should have seen where Election Day was going. The Republican Party didn't, and November 7th proved to be their final day as the majority party in Congress. Coming in, the Democratic Party needed to shift the balance of power in the House by fifteen seats (in other words, fifteen Democratic candidates had to beat out the Republican incumbents) to gain the majority lead, and gain six more seats in the Senate. Tuesday's results: Democrats gained a staggering 29 seats in the House, and pending recounts from Virginia and Montana, have forced at least a tie in the Senate. Thus, there is no question to where the balance of power now sits in Congress.

Local elections proved to play a large role in determining the overall scope of the new-look Congress. The most surprising: in Rhode Island, Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse ousted Republican incumbent Lincoln Chafee for U.S. Senator. Chafee, though a Republican, had voted with the Democrats on a variety of issues, including the war, numerous tax cuts, abortion, and gun control. Rhode Island Republican Governor Don Carcieri (incumbent) upended a strongly supported Democratic candidate in Charles Fogarty, by less than 1%. In the state capital of Providence, Mayor David Cicilline easily won over Republican candidate Daniel Harrop.

With the tightening conditions in the U.S. Senate, Connecticut Independent Joe Lieberman is sure to have 99 new friend requests waiting for him in Washington. Though losing in the Democratic primaries, Lieberman was victorious Tuesday, and his vote will surely have an overwhelming effect on the balance of power in the Senate. Republican Jodi Rell, the incumbent Connecticut governor who began her term in 2004, was also elected on Tuesday. Massachusetts Senator Ed Kennedy, who has served in the Senate since 1964, continued his

reign on Tuesday, winning 70% of the votes. Massachusetts also saw a change in cast in the role of governor, as Democratic candidate Deval Patrick defeated Republican candidate Kerry Healey, becoming the first Democratic governor in Massachusetts in sixteen years, and the first African-American governor in the state's history. Massachusetts citizens will not be able to pick up their favorite bottle of red or white at Stop & Shop to celebrate, however, as the referendum to allow the sale of wine in grocery stores was rejected.

So what do all these election results really mean? A Democratic House majority will challenge President Bush on several fronts in the next two years, including the war, a higher minimum wage, abortion, and opposition to his tax cuts. These votes represent the change citizens feel Congress needs, and the disdain over the current state of affairs. Exit polls in many states, including Rhode Island, showed that the dissatisfaction with the war was one of the major reasons voters chose Democrats Tuesday.

In other relevant news, Rhode Islanders left no doubt to Chief Schemm Matthew Thomas and Harrah's Entertainment that the casino deal was a bad one for the state. In a day marked by close races in most other referendums, a whopping 65% of voters rejected the casino amendment, and Harrah's Entertainment, which spent a Rhode Island campaign record \$12 million, says it won't mount another referendum attempt. The amendment, if approved, would have given Harrah's Entertainment the ability to re-write the state's constitution, and the exclusive rights to a resort casino in Rhode Island. "It was a tough thing to try to amend the Constitution," Thomas declared to supporters Tuesday night, "don't be ashamed and don't shed any tears."

Save Our State, the anti-casino group, spent only one quarter that Harrah's did on the campaign, got off to a late start in the advertising war, and briefly lost direction when Chairman Richard Oster resigned over a difference in philosophies. They still had enough to soundly defeat camp Harrah-Narragansett. Save Our State suggested that the new casino would cripple tourism around the rest of Rhode Island, and increase crime rates, among many other alleged charges. Voters last considered a casino in 1994, when they rejected five separate ballot questions, one allowing a casino to be built by the Narragansett Indian Tribe in West Greenwich. With Harrah's resigning from the campaign, the chances are slim to none that a resort casino will be built in Rhode Island in the foreseeable future.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JOE HANSEN '06



Name: Joe Hansen '06

Where do you live?
Wellington, FL

How is life outside Bryant?
It's different, but in a good way. Working is similar in structure to classes, except when you are done with work you are done, for the most part; work laptops, Blackberries, and cell phones can sometimes throw a monkey wrench into that theory. SO BEWARE!

What is your employment status?
Public Information Specialist for Parsons Brinckerhoff, sub-contracted to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise/Florida Department of Transportation.

What is a typical workday for you?
There isn't one, that simple. I attend weekly construction progress meetings for eight construction projects that I have to oversee, when I am in the middle of something one of my projects could cause a back-up or accident and I have to start taking furious customer calls, or a member of the media could call wanting the status of a project. It

is never the same thing twice, and that is why I love my job.

Are you back with mom and dad?
No, I have my own apartment; it is very cool to finally have a place of my own!

What do you miss most about Bryant?
The people, the friends you make at Bryant are some of the best people in the world.

Do you feel that Bryant prepared you for the real world?
The biggest thing that prepared me for the real world was my student activities involvement, from SAA to Senate, The Archway to event planning, my involvement in campus life was the biggest asset in transitioning from college to the work force. Also internships, I did two while I was at Bryant. Use them as a way to experiment with what you want to do, I actually did an internship with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, which is the main reason I got my job.

What did you do with your first big paycheck?
Began paying off my credit card debt I accumulated at Bryant, sorry it wasn't more exciting. Graduating from college and being employed fulltime makes people more responsible...you'll see.

If you have questions for Joe he can be reached by emailing The Archway and we will forward your questions to him; archway@bryant.edu.

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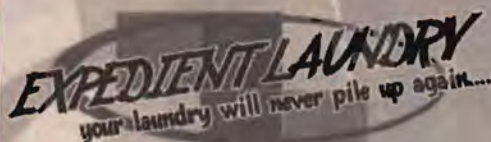
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THEFT

(LARCENY) Larceny / Other
(Over \$500) NOV 6 2006-
Monday at 11:40

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of 21 cases
of toilet paper stolen from a
stock room.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services
Rendered NOV 6 2006-
Monday at 11:34

Location: HEALTH SERVICES
Summary: A report of a stu-
dent having an allergic reac-
tion. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services
Rendered NOV 6 2006-
Monday at 12:16

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a stu-
dent with chest pains. EMS
was activated.

VANDALISM

(SCHOOL) Vandalism (School
Building) NOV 6 2006-
Monday at 16:05

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Bryant locksmith
reports a vandalized lock.

THEFT

(LARCENY) Larceny / Other
(\$200-\$500) NOV 7 2006-
Tuesday at 09:03

Location: HALL 16 LOT

Summary: A report of a Re-
served Parking sign stolen.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services
Rendered NOV 7 2006-
Tuesday at 12:42
Location: UNISTRUTURE
Summary: A report of a stu-
dent passed out in a classroom.
EMS was activated.

TOWED VEHICLE

Towed Vehicle NOV 8
2006-Wednesday at 01:09
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A vehicle was
towed for parking in a fire
lane.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services
Rendered NOV 9 2006-
Thursday at 10:20
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a stu-
dent passed out. EMS was acti-
vated.

THEFT

(LARCENY) Larceny / Other
(\$200-\$500) NOV 10 2006-Fri-
day at 11:26

Location: UNISTRUTURE
Summary: A student reports
the theft of a cell phone.

ACCIDENT

(MVA) Motor Vehicle Acci-
dent NOV 10 2006-Friday at
18:32

Location: CHAFEE CENTER
LOT
Summary: A staff member re-
ports his vehicle had been hit.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services
Rendered NOV 10 2006-Fri-
day at 23:12

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of students
with head injuries. EMS was
activated.

DOMESTIC

(ASSAULT) Assault / Domes-
tic Related NOV 10 2006-Fri-
day at 23:21

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of an as-
sault. One student arrested.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services
Rendered NOV 10 2006-Fri-
day at 23:39

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a stu-
dent needing medical assis-
tance. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services
Rendered NOV 11 2006-Sat-
urday at 15:51

Location: RUGBY FIELD
Summary: A report of a stu-
dent with a possible broken
collar bone. EMS was activated.

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None reported

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Campus Tours Undercover: Bentley

Like so many of us, did you apply to Bentley? Maybe you got in, maybe you didn't, but nonetheless it doesn't really matter. The important question is, do remember taking the tour there, or any school you may have looked at in your college search? Although the tour was a critical factor in your college decision, most of us can barely remember what schools we visited, let alone what made Bryant stand out amongst them. What if you could do it all over again knowing everything you know now?

And so we, four Bryant juniors posing as transfer students from Generic University, bring you this multipart series, Campus Tours Undercover. In this series, we will present to you a comparative analysis of Bryant with various other schools in the region. All of us come from diverse backgrounds from within the institution. Jared Neilan from Portsmouth, RI is a Finance major and ACE peer tutor. Michael Oliveri from Grafton, MA is also a Finance major and is the President of the Student Alumni Association. Timothy Osborn from Shrewsbury, MA is an Information Technology major and is the Vice President of Public Relations for the Student Alumni Association. Philip Weiss from Smithtown, NY is a Marketing major and is the Speaker of the Council for the Student Senate and a former Bryant Ambassador.

The first logical choice for the kickoff of this series was Bentley College, as many of us as high school seniors narrowed our choices down to Bryant and Bentley.

Things we liked...

1. Parking garages - There are two appropriately placed parking garages located near the residence halls that seemed to alleviate parking woes (almost aesthetically pleasing enough to occupy Bryant's grounds)
2. Dining options - There are a myriad of dining facilities dispersed all over campus in addition to the old faithful Sodexo cafeteria (although no Marge was present). We personally ate at Boloco, which is a healthier eating alternative option located in the newly renovated wellness center.
3. Wellness Center - The newly ren-

ovated wellness center features a two-level workout facility that has more exercise equipment than our current facilities (most likely to account for the larger student population). The lobby featured two food vendors and a dining area with bistro tables.

4. Library - Opened in March 2006, the newly renovated library was packed with the newest technologies. Most notable was the electronic study room booking program, which allows students to reserve study rooms in advance, with LCD displays outside each room with the schedule and availability for that particular day. Inside the study rooms themselves, we found large flat panel televisions which allowed students to connect their laptops in order to facilitate group work more easily.

5. Dunkin Donuts - On campus... enough said.

6. Marketing Research Center - This facility is apparently a haven for Marketing majors, allowing them to conduct primary research in a professional environment making use of cutting edge technology.

7. Student Union - The Bentley Student Union features a living room, game room, tavern, radio station, dining facilities, multicultural center, and student organization offices. Think of an updated Bryant Center, with a fresher look and layout.

8. The "Suite" Village - Newly constructed living areas for upperclassmen appear from the outside to be modern, and according to our tour guide have kitchenettes as well as separate thermostats for each room.

Things we did not like...

1. Getting to Bentley - The posted signage on Route 128 led us on an inefficient path to the college which had a notable lack of signage when off the highway.
2. Entrance - Anti-climactic at best (let's just say there were no raised globes with granite signs)
3. Admissions Office - The waiting area was far too small for the volume of students visiting. In addition, the staff did not go out of their way to extend a warm welcome to prospective students (there were definitely no Judi Dawsons present).

4. Brochures - The brochures lacked a certain "wow" factor. The new library brochure, for instance, tells us how great the new library is but fails to offer any photographic evidence.

5. The Tour - The tour itself did not "sell" the school. The tour did not highlight the great aspects of the institution. We were given a ten second preview of the brand new library, and we were on our own to find the wellness center. Yet, for some reason, they felt it was necessary to show us the faculty offices.

6. The Tourguide - Let's just say he was no Bryant Ambassador

7. Hills and Stairs - After spending the day at Bentley you will never complain about making the walk from C-Lot again.

8. Main Cafeteria Dining Area - You think Salmo is small? This would bring out claustrophobia in the best of us.

9. Security - Although we may complain about our entry control station, at least we have one. There was an obvious lack of regard for student safety. We entered campus unquestioned, and had the ability to walk around not only the general grounds, but also the residence halls, academic buildings, the library, gym, and student union unquestioned.

10. No President - Love him or hate him, Ron Machtley provides direction for our institution.

11. No Traditions - Neither in the marketing materials nor the campus tour did we hear about any sort of campus traditions.

12. Attention to Detail - From nearly everything from the landscaping to the buildings themselves, perfection is not sought after. The little things went unnoticed. For example, many of the facilities (including some of the newer ones) could use a fresh coat of paint.

13. Excessive amounts of outdated flyers - There was enough paper on the walls to kill a small rain forest.

14. Freshmen can't have cars - That pretty much says it all.

15. MSRP - Is it really worth the extra \$5,000 a year? (unless that pays to heat the steps)

Things we brought home

1. Bryant MUST update its student center beyond new carpeting and fresh paint. At Bentley, the vibrant Student Union brings together the campus outside of the dorms.

2. As Bryant continues to grow we need adequate and convenient parking facilities. Bentley seemed to combine convenience with aesthetics in a way that did not disturb the campus environment, an achievement that Bryant could easily replicate.

3. We would like to see a central room booking system, easily accessible to both students and staff, similar to the system we saw at Bentley. Televisions/projectors in the study rooms would also help facilitate group work.

4. In order to provide students a balanced food selection, we need more choices with healthier options on campus in areas that are more convenient such as the Wellness Center.

Conclusions

Even though we may be biased to Bryant, it is hard to ignore the fact that Bentley College is a quality institution. With that said, we are concerned with the importance they place on rankings. When we asked our tour guide about the main differences between Bryant and Bentley, he could only quote these rankings. In our experience, Bentley takes a more reactive approach to their institution's development. When we built our new library, they renovated their old library. When we built our new gym, they expanded their old gym. Now that we have become a university, they too are now exploring the possibility of becoming a university. The trend speaks for itself.

We learned a lot more than we thought we would in this experiment. We saw ourselves in this incoming class of 2011 and the uncertainty in their decisions. We acquired a new found appreciation for the prospective college student that has to make a snapshot decision based on an hour long tour that will ultimately direct the course of the rest of your life.

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Waters Way: BCS is bogus

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

When college football started the BCS point system, they wanted to make a system that at the end of the year placed the two best college teams in the country against each other in the National Championship. After that, there are other BCS championship games that are just a step down for those teams that did not make the number one or number two spot. These are great games and I believe the National Championship is as well. However, I think the way the BCS does this is a bit outlandish and ridiculous.

I am a huge fan of college football and it seems every year at the end of November everyone starts talking about the BCS, the issues, and how their team should be in the National Championship. Well, this is my year; Florida has been bypassed in the BCS standings not once but twice by the number fourth seed the past two weeks. First they were passed by Louisville, who had a huge win over West Virginia, then crumbled in a game against Rutgers, who, by the way, is the turn around team of the year, and frankly the past five years. This week they were passed by USC, mind you that Florida has not lost either week they were passed, which is crazy to me.

Florida has an amazing schedule and if it was not for Georgia falling apart this year and not performing like they were supposed to, there is no doubt in my mind Florida would be an easy number three. Florida may not have won convincingly against certain teams, but they have done what they were supposed to do, win the game. Florida played South Carolina, which if everyone remembers has head coach Steve Spurrier directing the squad. Spurrier was what made Florida football and created the amazing runs Florida had in the 90's and beginning of the 00's. He knows Florida and knows how to beat them, yet Florida still won the game. They have been playing tough against teams that may not have the rankings but should be. That is not Florida's fault; they have

done what they have needed to do.

I am not saying that USC, Michigan or Ohio State do not deserve their shot too. I think they are all great teams with amazing capabilities. They are all fun to watch and are the reasons why I love college football and make sure that no matter what I am watching games on Saturday. I know it is repeated by every fan whose team does not make the National Championship game that they were ripped

off and not taken seriously, but this year I am right. Florida lost early, I understand that, but they have won when it counts at the end of the year and if they win the SEC Championship, it will be a crying shame that they do not play in the National Championship.

This brings me to my final point: get rid of the damn BCS, it has not worked, it is not working and it will never work. Just face it Division I College

Football, you need a playoff system. It would make so much sense and be a true look at the best teams in the nation and give each their fair shot at the Championship. You can set it up so that the 12 best teams in the nation face off at the end of the year, whether it is the major conference champions or automatic bids at large. We need to combine them and make it work. You can give the top four teams or your BCS top picks byes. Then you can give the 8 others a chance to play each other in a single elimination game setup. The total games played would be four, which would work out since most teams get almost a whole month off before playing their bowl game.

It just seems to make more sense; you would actually really get the best teams competing against each other and would make the month of December and college football much more exciting. It can also save teams like Michigan and Ohio State, who play at 2:30pm on Saturday, the misfortune of meeting again, because they can lose that one game and be out of the National Championship, which makes it tough to tell either team they are not worthy.

Give them a shot to play other teams and show their dominance against the best teams in the nation. Then you could have fans like me and all the other Gator fans and Rutgers fans out there excited about the National Championship, even if certain teams pass them in the BCS or AP poll.



Courtesy of the scarletknights.com

The Rutgers' football program is ranked in the Top 10 for the first time in school history, but chances are they will be shut out of the BCS National Championship game.

Top Dogs

Lorenzo Perry

Year: Senior

Sport: Football

Why this dog was picked: Perry rushed for 94 yards on just four carries, scoring two touchdowns, as the Bulldogs defeated Becker 42-0 Saturday. Perry was selected as the NE-10 MVP for 2006 after totaling 1853 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns. He is one of 24 candidates in the running for the 2006 Harlon Hill Trophy, awarded to the NCAA Div. II College Football Player of the Year. Perry is ranked No. 2 nationally with a 179.2 rushing yards per game average.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Jess Looney

Year: Freshman

Sport: Swimming

Why this dog was picked: After being named the NE-10 Freshman of the Week for Oct. 30 - Nov. 5, Looney continued her stellar season, capturing the 1650 yard freestyle in 18:55.31, the 50 breaststroke (35.01), 100 yard freestyle (58.05), 100 yard backstroke (1:04.83) and 100 yard butterfly (27.11) at the UMass Dartmouth Invitational Saturday held at the Roger Williams pool. She also was a member of the 400-yard medley relay winning team.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

On any given Sunday... Hirshorn's NFL Picks

Away	Spread	Home	Spread
OAK	9	KC	-9
IND	-1	DAL	1
CIN	3	NO	-3
PIT	-3	CLE	3
TEN	13	PHI	-13
ATL	4	BAL	-4
STL	6.5	CAR	-6.5
BUF	2	HOU	-2
NE	-6	GB	6
WASH	3	TB	-3
CHI	-6.5	NYJ	6.5
MIN	3	MIA	-3
DET	2	ARI	-2
SD	2.5	DEN	-2.5
NYG	3.5	JAK	-3.5

- This week's Lock of the Week is Indianapolis vs. Dallas.

Bryant University**vs.****West Chester University****Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2006**Time:** 12:00 PM Kickoff**Location:** Bulldog Stadium**2006 Bulldogs****Overall Record:** 8-2**NE-10 Record:** 7-2

Opponent	Final Score
Southern Connecticut	49-20 Win
at American International	7-20 Loss
Merrimack	34-7 Win
Assumption	45-21 Win
at Pace	31-17 Win
C.W. Post	21-24 Loss
at Stonehill	35-14 Win
Saint Anselm	41-0 Win
at Bentley	36-15 Win
Becker	42-0 Win

2006 Golden Rams**Overall Record:** 8-3**PSAC Record:** 5-1

Opponent	Final Score
Edinboro University	14-28 Loss
at Delaware	7-30 Loss
at Clarion	49-21 Win
Shippensburg University	24-0 Win
Cheyney University	53-12 Win
Bloomsburg University	27-30 Loss
Millersville University	54-27 Win
at Kutztown	49-47 Win
at East Stroudsburg	49-28 Win
Mansfield University	44-0 Win
at Slippery Rock	21-20 Win

**NCAA D-II
Playoff Schedule**University of South Dakota (8-3) vs.
*Northwood University (8-2)Winona State University (9-2) vs. *Univer-
sity of North Dakota (9-1)Delta State University (9-2) vs. *Elizabeth
City State University (9-2)Albany State University (Georgia) (7-3) vs.
*Newberry College (10-1)Southern Connecticut State University (7-3)
vs. *Merrimack College (7-3)Missouri Western State University (9-2) vs.
*Midwestern State University (9-2)Abilene Christian University (8-2) vs.
West Texas A&M University (10-1)-Denotes Host (All games Saturday, Novem-
ber 18)

Bulldogs host playoff game

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

The Bryant University Bulldogs made the NCAA Division II football playoffs for the first time in the program's short history. The entire team gathered on Sunday in the Bello Center to watch the selection show on ESPN News. As soon as the Bulldogs were announced as the third seed in the Northeast region, the team erupted with cheers. In head coach Marty Fine's two year tenure, the program has come a long way quickly.

The Bulldogs' opponent is sixth seeded West Chester University. The other matchup in the Northeast Region is fourth seed Merrimack taking on fifth seed Southern Connecticut University. The top two seeds, Shepherd University and Bloomsburg University, have first round byes. The entire playoff bracket includes 24 teams.

The playoff berth is a huge step for the Bull-

dogs is quarterback Charlie Granatell, who has thrown 18 touchdowns this season and completed an impressive 64 percent of his passes. Meanwhile, Lorenzo Perry, NE-10 MVP, has been virtually unstoppable on the field. Perry ended the regular season with a school record 1,792 rushing yards.

The Bulldogs' opponent on Saturday, West Chester University, finished the season 8-3 overall and 5-1 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC). The Golden Rams are making their third straight NCAA playoff appearance under fourth-year coach Bill Zwaan. West Chester has a dangerous wide receiver in sophomore Michael Washington. He finished the regular season with 1036 total yards and averaged 22 yards per catch. The Golden Rams are coming off a thrilling 21-20 win against Slippery Rock. The game was a defensive battle and West Chester limited Slippery Rock to 299 yards of total offense. It was West Chester's first win at Slippery Rock in 70



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

The Bulldogs gathered over the weekend to watch the D-II football selection show at the Bello Center. The Bulldogs are the No. 3 seed and will face No. 6 West Chester this Saturday.

dogs' eight year old football program. Coach Fine, who is in his third season, recognizes the hard work of his players this season. "I think it is a great reward for these kids who have worked so hard for so long to get somewhere. Two years ago we never had a winning season and now suddenly we are on national television being put in the third seed for a playoff spot. We have accomplished a lot" he said.

Bryant is coming off their school record eighth win last weekend against Division III Becker. The Bulldogs dominated the field in the game, scoring 35 points in the first quarter alone. Lorenzo Perry rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns in the game. Justin Kik, meanwhile, scored the 14th touchdown of his career, setting a new school record. The Bulldogs went on to win 42-0 and finished the game with 429 yards of total offense. Becker was limited to 39 yards rushing and eight yards passing.

The Bulldogs certainly have accomplished a lot this season. Besides winning a record eight games, they also were the co-champions of the Northeast-10. Leading the way for the Bull-

years.

Bulldog fans should expect to see a lot of scoring on Saturday. The Bulldogs average 34.1 points per game and 411.5 yards of offense per game. The Golden Rams were also no slouch on offense, averaging 35.5 points per game and 405 yards of offense. The Bulldogs, however, have a real advantage going into the game. They have been close to perfect at home over the past two seasons, compiling a 10-1 record.

Coach Fine and his staff have been preparing the team all week to face West Chester, a

'I think it is a great reward for these kids who have worked so hard for so long to get somewhere'

-Coach Marty Fine

team with a very different style of play. "One of the biggest challenges we have is that they do two things we have never seen anyone do.

They run a very different offense and a very different defense than anyone we have played," said Coach Fine.

The playoff action begins this Saturday at Bulldog Stadium. Kickoff will be at noon. The winner of the game takes on the two seed, Bloomsburg University, on November 25th.

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Bulldogs looking for success on the ice

By Greg Hirshorn
Variety Editor

The Bryant University hockey team started this season with high expectations for themselves. Last year the team went to the national championship tournament. After falling short in the first three games, the Bulldogs won their final tournament game as they returned home with a sweet victory. In the history of Bryant hockey last season would have to be ranked as one of the best ever, since they earned a trip to the national tournament in Rochester, NY.

The most noticeable change this year as opposed to last is that Bryant now has a new goalie, Joe Marcaurelle. Marcaurelle is a junior this year and this is his first season starting on a consistent basis. Joe has done a great job in the beginning of his first season defending the net, keeping most of the games low scoring and keeping the team in contention.

When Joe commented on the team he said, "We have a team made up of primarily juniors and sophomores and we all grew a lot last year when we went to nationals. So far in our season we have lost a few tough games that we could have won against real good teams such as UNH, UConn and Central Connecticut." This is true about the Bulldogs, as so far the schedule has been a strenuous one with many tough opponents. From there Joe went on to say, "Our hardest part of our season is over and we went through it about .500, and we have a very positive outlook on the rest of the season, and really think we have a good chance of winning the NECHA."

Winning NECHA is something that the Bulldogs have not done since they won three back to back championships from 2002-2004. In 2004 and 2005 the Bulldogs fell short, losing to UNH in 2004 and Holy Cross in 2005. All of the team hopes this year will be different with the winning of a NECHA title.

The captain of the team this year is senior center Erik Brouillard. He, along with the other seniors, provide the leadership that they hope will lead the team to as successful a season as possible. Senior leadership is something that is extremely important for the team's success as the team is a young one and can benefit greatly from the leadership of older teammates. There will only be six graduating seniors this year, showing the youth and promising future the team carries.

The defense for the Bulldogs this year has been extremely aggressive and always looking for a way to create a turnover or place a hit on the opponent. When you have a defense that

the ability of the team to avoid taking unnecessary penalties to put themselves at a disadvantage. If there is one problem area for the team to this point in the season it would be taking too many penalties that are not called for. If the team can avoid things such as hitting after the whistle and roughing they will be making a talented team all the more talented and in a position to win.

When the Bulldogs are on the power play they do a good job of taking advantage of their opportunities and putting the puck into the back of the net. They have multiple threats who are more than capable of scoring, giving them the option to pass the puck to multiple people, all of whom can shoot and score. This strategy of spreading the puck around and passing leaves the defense unprepared and



Courtesy of Paul Todesca

Some of the Bryant University hockey team seniors will need to provide leadership to a developing team in order to win games.

creates scoring opportunities which are cashed in upon by the potent offense.

For the past 10 years Joe Brantolino was the coach of the team, leading them to a period of great success. Brantolino resigned at the end of last year, starting a new era of Bryant University hockey. The new coach this season is Mark Luther, who hopefully will be able to lead the team to the top of the league and another NECHA title.

The Bryant University hockey team has several home games coming up in the next few

days. Friday night the Bulldogs will play at 8:00 PM as they face off against WPI. On Saturday night at 8:00 PM they will battle MIT and Monday they will square off against Bridge-

water State at 9:00 PM. All of these games are played at Levy Community Rink, which is located behind Burrville High School. The team looks to add more wins to their current record of 5-5-1. The games are free to attend and the team encourages all students to come and join their loyal fan base to cheer them on to victory.

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-Junior Joe Marcaurelle

water State at 9:00 PM. All of these games are played at Levy Community Rink, which is located behind Burrville High School. The team looks to add more wins to their current record of 5-5-1. The games are free to attend and the team encourages all students to come and join their loyal fan base to cheer them on to victory.

The Bulldogs are an effective team when they are functioning in the proper way. By functioning the proper way I am referring to

Bulldog Bites

Volleyball Ends Season in NCAA Tournament

The Lady Bulldogs lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament last week to Bentley College. Bryant was making their 10th straight NCAA tournament appearance. Senior Vanessa Lavallee had nine kills and freshman Morgan Wood added another six. Senior Jess Cegarra ended her Bryant career third in school history with 1,802 career kills and first all-time with 536 career blocks. The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 21-19 overall and 12-2 in the NE-10.

Perry Named Harlon Hill Nominee

Senior running back Lorenzo Perry is one of 24 candidates in the running for the 2006 Harlon Hill Trophy as the NCAA Division II Player of the Year. The winner will be announced December 15.

Swim Teams Have Successful Weekend

The Bryant men's and women's swim teams competed at the UMass Dartmouth Invitational Saturday at Roger Williams. There was no team scoring at the meet. The Bryant men's and women's 400 yard medley relay squads each came away with wins. The women finished in a time of 4:28.54 seconds, while the men finished with a time of 3:53.94. Freshman Jess Looney also won the 1650 yard freestyle, the 50 yard breaststroke, 100 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke, and 100 yard butterfly. Maragaret Dickinson won the 50 yard backstroke and added a first place in the 100 yard individual medley. James Newton won the 200 freestyle and the 100 yard butterfly. Ray Savner won both the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard freestyle.

Radzik Makes Nationals

The only remaining part of the 2006 cross country schedule is the NCAA Championships this Sunday. Bryant will be represented by junior Nicole Radzik. She will travel to Pensacola, Florida for the finals. Radzik finished fifth at the NCAA Regional Championships last week.

Mark your calendars

It's going to be a busy weekend at Bryant for sports. The women's basketball team hosts the Bryant tip-off tournament Friday and Saturday. The football team hosts their first ever playoff game on Saturday and the men's basketball team opens up their conference schedule Saturday night. Doesn't get any better for Bulldog fans!

Men's Basketball: Sat, Nov. 18 vs. American International 7:30 PM; Tue, Nov. 21 vs. Saint Anselm*

Women's Basketball: Fri, Nov. 17 vs. Queens 5:30 PM; Sat, Nov. 18 vs. Felician 3:30 PM

Football: Sat, Nov. 18 vs. West Chester University 12:00 PM (Playoffs)

Swimming: Sat, Nov. 18 at St. Rose* 5:30 PM; Sun, Nov. 19 at LeMoyne* 12:00 PM

*- Denotes Conference Game

Hockey: Fri, Nov. 17 vs. WPI 8:10 PM; Sat, Nov. 18 vs. MIT 8:10 PM; Mon, Nov. 20 vs. Bridgewater State 9:00 PM

-All Home Games at Levy Arena in Burrillville, RI

Did you know...

Division II's largest school has 22,845 students. The smallest school has 383 students

Students Speak Out

What is your favorite part of the Thanksgiving holiday?



"I like the day after Thanksgiving with all the shopping and sales...Black Friday YEAH!"
Alanna Franchi
2009



"Family, food and football!"
Mike Carabellese
2009



"I love grandma's cheesy potatoes and the cake because it is my birthday!!!"
Jamie Goddard
2009



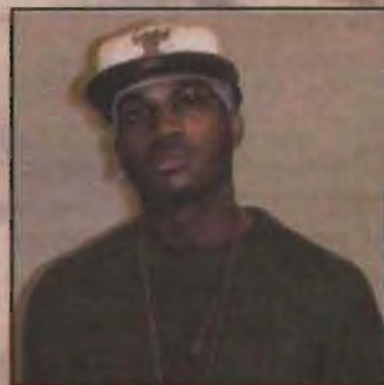
"My favorite part of the Thanksgiving holiday is definitely eating all day and watching football!"
Megan Reising
2007



"The day after when I get to go shopping and fight with all of the angry New Yorkers on Black Friday."
Philip Weiss
2008



"My favorite part of Thanksgiving is beating the rest of my family silly at the family turkey game."
Sharif Coarts
2010



"Going to dinner and seeing distant family and seeing cousins you have not seen in a while and catching up with them."
T.J. Aideyan
2010



"Watching Christmas Vacation with my family after Thanksgiving dinner. That movie is probably the best movie ever made."
Alise Elliott
2007

Words of Wellness: The single most preventable cause of death...

By Jen DiPrete
Staff Columnist

Thursday, November 16,
was the American Cancer Society's annual Great American Smokeout. Tobacco use is the

single most preventable cause of death in our society. The key word in that statement is PREVENTABLE. According to the American Lung Association, smoking related diseases claim an estimated 430,700 American lives each year. In addition, smoking costs the United States over \$16.7 billion each year in health care costs including \$92 billion in mortality-related productivity losses (heart disease and strokes) and \$75.5 billion in excess medical expenditures.

I am still amazed that with all we know about the dangers of tobacco, an estimated 44.5 million (20.9%) adults are current smokers. Culturally, smoking continues to decline among the White non-Hispanic population. As a result, tobacco companies have targeted both African Americans, and Hispanics. In 2003, total advertising and promotion by the five major tobacco companies, was the highest ever, reported at \$15.5 billion (American Lung Association, 2006).

The Surgeon General's Report on smoking (2004) revealed "cigarette smoking significantly harms almost every major organ of the body and has been directly linked to a new series of illnesses including leukemia, cataracts, pneumonia and cancers of the kidney, cervix, pancreas, and stomach." Findings also associated cigarette smoking with colorectal, liver, and prostate cancer, as well as erectile dysfunction.

Some of you may be reading this and thinking, "Well, I don't smoke cigarettes, I use smokeless tobacco (dip), or smoke an occasional cigar, I'm fine." Not exactly, but nice try. Cigars contain the same addictive, toxic and carcinogenic compounds found in cigarettes. In fact, cigar smokers may spend up to an hour smoking a single large cigar that can contain as much tobacco as a pack of cigarettes. Cigar smokers experience higher rates of lung cancer, heart disease, and chronic obstructive lung disease than non smokers. In addition, when saliva containing smoke constituents is swallowed, the esophagus is exposed to carcinogens (cancer-causing agents). The death rate from esophageal cancer is 3-4 times higher in male smokers than in lifelong male nonsmokers (American Cancer Society, 2004).

Smokeless tobacco started to increase in use in the 1970's and early 1980's when advertising increased and people thought smokeless tobacco was a safe alternative to smoking. Holding a pinch of smokeless tobacco in your mouth for 30 minutes delivers as much nicotine as 3-4 cigarettes (National Cancer Institute, 2006). Smokeless tobacco contains 28 cancer-causing agents which are known causes of human

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The Daley Soap Box: Stop genocide in Sudan



By Ryan P. Daley
Opinion Editor

Hundreds of thousands of people are massacred in an ethnic cleansing, while we do nothing but sit in our comfortable chairs, sipping our coffees, reading about it in the newspaper thousands of miles away. Since 2003, the Sudanese government-backed Janjaweed forces, inspired by racism, have killed at least 400,000 people in the Darfur region of Sudan, displaced more than 2.5 million innocent civilians from their homes, and forced more than 3.5 million people to become wholly reliant on international aid for survival.

The Janjaweed, composed of Arab nomads who have long been at odds with the settled region's dark-skinned African farmers, have been fighting two rebel groups in Darfur: the Sudanese Liberation Army (SLA), and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). The rebels claim to exist primarily to force the Sudanese government to address underdevelopment, political marginalization of the region, and mistreatment from Sudan's Arab regime.

Until 2003, the conflicts between the Janjaweed and the rebel groups were mostly over resources and land allocation. The Janjaweed became much more aggressive after the SLA and JEM took up arms against the Sudanese government. In response to the rebels' uprising, the Janjaweed militias began to pillage, rape, and kill in civilian towns and villages inhabited by

the non-Arab ethnic groups from whom the rebels primarily draw their support. The Janjaweed are fighting with AK 47s, grenade launchers, and machine guns mounted to the tops of pickup trucks, while the innocent civilian population is defending themselves with spears, swords, and bows and arrows.

Although the International Crisis Group asserts the compensation of the Janjaweed "comes directly from booty captured in raids on villages," field researchers from the Human Rights Watch testified on how the Sudanese army openly recruits horse-owning Arabs, promising a gun and monthly salary of \$116 in exchange for joining a Janjaweed gang.

In addition, Janjaweed raids are often preceded by aerial attacks from the Sudanese air force; Janjaweed commanders live in government garrison towns; and Janjaweed militiamen wear Sudanese army combat fatigues. A Janjaweed fighter killed by Chadians in Koukou even carried a Sudanese military identification card.

The rest of the world looks on and, even though many governments (including the Bush Administration) recognize the atrocities in Darfur as "genocide," does nothing but wait for Sudan to let UN peacekeepers do their job.

UN Security Council resolution 1556, demanding Sudan disarm the Janjaweed, has been disregarded. The Darfur Peace Agreement, set in May of 2006 between the government of Sudan and one rebel group, has been ignored on both sides. Deadlines have passed and violence has escalated. Meanwhile, thousands are massacred, others cannot return home, and aid agencies are facing continued

obstacles to bringing relief.

The crisis is no longer a domestic Sudanese problem - it is one of global concern and spreading to Chad and the Central African Republic. The 7,000 African Union troops in Darfur are not accomplishing much alone and their mandate expires December 31, 2006.

What can you do? Call or write a letter to your Senator or Representative, the White House, and MPs in Sudan and tell them to DO THEIR JOB! The UN Security Council must deploy a peacekeeping force immediately, despite the Sudanese opposition to UN involvement. We did not ignore genocide during the Holocaust; we did not ignore genocide in Rwanda 12 years ago; how can we live with ourselves if we ignore it today?

Take Action!

Amnesty International

www.amnesty.org

Save Darfur

www.savedarfur.org

Human Rights Watch

www.hrw.org

Students Against Genocide

www.studentsagainstgenocide.org

Kennedy Uncensored: I pledge allegiance



By Brian Kennedy
Staff Columnist

I came across a news item recently about a group of student trustees in a Los Angeles school who banned reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in their meetings, stating they saw no reason to swear loyalty to God or the US Government. The trustee who proposed the ban, Jason Bell, stated "That 'under God' part is sort of offensive to me, as an atheist and a socialist, and if you know your history, you know that 'under God' was inserted during the McCarthy era and was directly designed to destroy my ideology." It is fortunate that more than a few students protested this decision, one by loudly stating the Pledge at their meeting. No offense to Mr. Bell, but quite frankly, if the public acknowledgement of the existence of a deity undermines your ideology to the point where you feel the need to ban a pledge that is in support of the nation, maybe your ideology is an ill-conceived one, since it appears that it requires jackbooted force in order to silence dissent from your "pure" vision. Such a heavy-handed and backward application of force toward censorship simply does not fly in America. My recommendation to you and others like you is to stop trying to impose atheism on the rest of us; we're all rather tired of you ranting about your non-belief and condemning those of us who dare believe in a higher power. Stop acting so self-righteous, you don't have the mandate of God behind you, you say so yourself.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bell's brand of imposed atheism is not limited to students in the moral wasteland that is California. One of the strongest opponents of the pledge and avid activist atheist is

Michael Newdow, who has been on his crusade to ban the pledge for years now and even wants to remove "In God we Trust" from our currency. Newdow and Bell are just two persons in an entire breed of perpetually offended people who cannot stand to have any view other than their own represented. They warp the establishment clause of the Constitution into freedom from religion where it is designed to be freedom to express religion. Until Newdow and Bell can prove to me how a "Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all" is indicative of a move by congress to establish a religion at the exclusion of all others, they have no standing. These censor-happy shells have no appreciation for the country which grants them the freedom to be such obnoxious fools, nor do they have any understanding that the pledge is not about supporting who is in power at the time, but the ideals of America itself: Free speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of religion -- all freedoms that they want to either limit or destroy in order not to be "offended."

Now I want to be clear here: Bell and Newdow are free to express their own belief or disbelief in whatever deity they choose. My problem is when they try to abuse the power of unelected courts (such as the nearly-always overturned 9th district court) or student power positions in order to impose their beliefs of everyone else. Unless Bell is running an officially atheist or officially communist organization on campus, it isn't his place to decide what should be going on at meetings in regards to hallowed school traditions.

As far as God himself, there are many religions in the world and they have different theories about

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Observations

By Lauren Cimino and Ryan P. Daley

Clean up!

So this is nothing new but it's about time someone pointed it out: The soap in the dispensers around the school is awful. It's watered down and doesn't even foam when you use it. You'd think we'd get some decent soap at least, especially with everyone getting sick lately.

Obeying the rules of the road

The DPS control station stepped up with the addition of a stoplight, except there's one problem: When it's green they've still got the stop sign up. Thanks to Norm Duquette, Student Senator liaison to DPS, who announced at this past Wednesday's meeting that students should follow the stoplight not the stop sign.

Koffler Print labs

What's going on down in the Koffler print labs? No one works there anymore, the printers are constantly a mess, and it seems to always be closed whenever we run downstairs for that crucial before-class print job. If the lab isn't going to remain open and maintained, then why was it built?

Blood Drive

Congrats Bryant on being such generous donors of blood. This year there's been such overwhelming support by blood donors that the RI Blood Center had to come back two days in a row! Thanks!

Professor Evaluations

Is every Bryant faculty member supposed to get evaluated or only those without tenure? Doesn't it make more sense to evaluate all professors? Just because a professor is tenured doesn't mean they are teaching effectively.

Words of Wellness cont'd

cancer. It also increases the risk of oral cancer compared to cigarette smoking. White patches on the gums of smokeless tobacco users are called leukoplakia and can be precancerous if not examined by a physician early on. I'm sure none of you want to walk around with a portion of your bottom jaw missing or part of your tongue removed.

During one of the beautiful late fall days we experienced last week, I took the opportunity to take a deep breath in and enjoy the clean air which surrounds this scenic campus. Unfortunately, it was short-lived as a cloud of mainstream smoke (smoke the user exhales) contaminated the air I was inhaling. Two young women had passed by me, one was smoking. She conveniently turned her head to prevent her friend from breathing in toxic smoke, and managed to nail me directly in the face. As I typically do, I waved my hand back and forth and began coughing rather loudly (obnoxious, I know). As someone who is very sensitive to secondhand smoke, minutes later, I developed a headache.

Secondhand smoke has been classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a known cause of cancer in humans. It is invol-

untarily inhaled by non-smokers, lingers in the air hours after cigarettes have been extinguished and can cause or exacerbate a wide range of adverse health effects, including cancer, respiratory infections, and asthma. Secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 22,700-69,600 heart disease deaths in adult nonsmokers in the United States each year (California Environmental Protection Agency, 2005).

A strong stance has taken place in recent years to make places of work tobacco free. As a result, workplace productivity was increased and absenteeism was decreased among former smokers compared with current smokers. Currently, fourteen states have passed strong smoke-free air laws. As of 2005, nine smoke-free states prohibit smoking in almost all workplaces including restaurants and bars. Those states are California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, Washington, and right here in Rhode Island!

The next time you feel the craving to "pack a lip," or light up after a few drinks, think about your health and the well being of those around you. Until next time, be well!

Kennedy Uncensored

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the nature of God and how many Gods there are, but the argument that there can be no God because the nature of God is disputed among cultures is a poor one. There may be many interpretations, but only one objective reality, or maybe that objective reality is that all religions are in fact correct. Let us think of God as, oh say, the number 4, and the numbers which combine to create 4 are different variations of God. 2+2 will always equal 4, and 3+2 will never

equal 4. Rather than each perspective requiring a different conclusion, what if each perspective on God was simply a different way of arriving at the same answer? Each variation of God's number 4 need not be the same, but all can be simultaneously correct. You can have 1 + 3, 2 * 2, 5 - 1, etc. All will get you to God, but there are an infinite number of different paths. Some religiously preferential theologians may accuse me of heresy for the previous statement, but personally I leave matters of heaven and hell to

God and just try to promote and advocate a decent and honest life on earth, promoting good when possible and confronting evil when I see it. This is not to say that we should allow a blank check for any religious activity (human or animal sacrifices, murder cults, blood offerings, etc.); we must still respect the laws of society and the dignity of other human beings, but I can find little fault in any belief system that tries to get its followers to live decent, moral, and upstanding lives.

I was a totally cool dude! You can be too!

By Harsh Luthar
Contributing Writer

Welcome everyone to the Fall semester. After the quiet summer, I feel the vibrating energy of the returning students and the new freshmen as the campus literally comes alive with enough parking for everyone! College life is one of the most exciting, as well as challenging, phases of our life that potentially lays the foundation for future success.

I am reminded of my first year as a freshman at Beloit College in Wisconsin. One of my main anxieties during my freshman year was that someone would find out my real age. My birthday is in September and I turned seventeen during my first week of college. Being a year or two younger than most of the other students made me feel very insecure. My second major anxiety was that someone would see me with my huge ultra thick glasses and realize that I was quite near sighted. I was convinced that both of these conditions combined would wreck my social life completely. To avoid looking like a nerd, I grew long hair and a beard and wore contact lenses 16-18 hours a day. I also carefully observed what the other "cool" students did and tried to hang out with them.

I noticed that many of the "cool" people got drunk often and virtually chain smoked during parties. This was hard for me to emulate as I did not like either smoking or drinking. My "cool" friends often told tales "the day after." Typically, these stories went like this: "And then I got so drunk man that I didn't know what I was saying or doing. By end of the night I was puking all over the place. They had to carry me back to my dorm. And since this morning I have had the worst hangover and I can't remember a thing! My head really hurts. Boy, was last night fun or what?!" This kind of talk always went completely over my head. I blamed myself for not being cool enough to understand.

One day I asked one of my "cool" friends, while he was sober, to tell me really why drinking at parties leads to having more fun. My cool friend explained it very clearly, "Well it kind of loosens you up. It's easy to talk to people. You can say things to people when you are drunk and they don't hold it against you. And it's great for getting to know girls. In fact, after I threw up on Kelly last month at a party, it really brought us a lot closer together." After that lucid expla-

nation, I tried drinking a bit.

The problem was that drinking did not agree with my constitution. It made me nauseous and I did not like the feeling of being tipsy. So I hit upon a clever solution. I started drinking 7-UP at parties but gave the impression to everyone that it was really Gin and Tonic! I occasionally acted silly and brash to reinforce the notion that I was feeling "quite good." I never had a hangover and thought I had the best of both worlds.

Finally, in the desire to fall in with the "ultra cool" group, I started smoking cigarettes while I drank my 7-UP. My act was so good that I had people cautioning me not to drink too heavily at the parties. "I can take it," I would say in my pretend macho cool manner. And yes, I could take it. I could put away glasses of 7-UP like it was nobody's business. Of course, it meant a lot of trips to the bathroom, but small price to pay for being cool. As far as the cigarettes go, that was tough to play out. I could never bring myself to fully inhale the smoke into my lungs. It made me cough and feel dizzy. So I smoked but did not inhale. I believe this technique was used by President Clinton as well when he was in college.

Instead of inhaling, I would take the smoke in my mouth, hold it for a while and blow it out of the side slowly in as cool a way as possible. Those were some of my coolest moments I think. Sometimes I also tried to make smoke rings come out of my mouth by twisting my face in a highly sophisticated manner.

After about a year of heavy 7-UP drinking combined with pretend smoking, I could no longer live a lie and slowly gave up both. I did not have strength to go cold turkey with 7-UP and so yes, I gave it up slowly. I have not engaged in pretend smoking since my college days and almost never drink alcohol or, for that matter, soft drinks. In retrospect, I can understand why I did what I did as a freshman. My need to be accepted by my peers was so strong that it made me act out of character.

Although I was immature in some ways at 17, I was lucky because I never became a smoker or a drinker. Many young people, once they become addicted to nicotine, find it very difficult to give up. This expensive habit is easy to cultivate but very difficult to break.



Smoking was much more accepted in public places in the past than it is now. When I was in college, professors and students both used to smoke in class. My philosophy professor had a huge pipe, bigger than the one Sherlock Holmes is shown with. During the lectures, when perhaps he ran out of material, he would simply smoke his pipe and look very thoughtfully at the ceiling while all of us gazed in admiration. This was back in the early 1970s. Smoking was considered very cool then. Today, it is not considered as cool, because we know so much more about the health effects of smoking. Some of the commercials I have seen on TV to discourage teenagers from smoking focus on how smoking causes bad breath.

Alcohol, of course, can play havoc with your body and mind both. It is the cause of much destruction in the lives of people. The grief suffered by parents whose children are harmed due to alcohol-related incidents is indescribable. Ask any official in a college or in law enforcement who has had to inform parents that their child has been in a life threatening accident. They will tell you that it is the most difficult thing to do. I was told this personally by someone who had to once inform a parent that their child had lost his life due to an alcohol-related accident. Even listening to him telling me about the reaction of the parents, I felt much shaken up at the time.

So dear students, in my own funny way, I am trying to tell you to be careful with yourself at Bryant and in life. For most of you, this is all simple stuff that you already know. For all of us, it is sometimes good to hear things we already know. When we are young we do many things to impress our peers and to be accepted. I know that many times I was too weak to resist peer pressure. Getting older I have learned that when we make genuine friendships, we are accepted as who we are. Many

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Multipartisan Hackery: Nancy Pelosi



Conservative:
Steven McKenna

First, let me start by saying that I obviously was not exactly thrilled about the Democrats taking over the

House and Senate last week, but I was not wholly disappointed either. I honestly believe that it might benefit America to have some new insight on certain issues, particularly Iraq. Additionally, it might be a blessing in disguise and send a wake-up call to Republicans. If they can re-vamp their campaign for the next elections they still might be able to place a Republican President in the Whitehouse in 2008. Anyway, the overwhelming concern of mine with the Democrats winning the House is the fact that Nanci Pelosi will become the Speaker, which means she will push for her radical agenda to be adopted.

The majority of the American public was ready for a change and they made that clear in the elections. Yet, somehow I doubt the majority of Americans really knew what they were in for. With the Democrats taking over the House last week, Nanci Pelosi is now set to become the House Speaker in the near future. What does this exactly mean for the United States? To say the least, it means trouble.

Nanci Pelosi prides herself on being one of the most liberal politicians, and her voting record makes this profoundly clear. She has repeatedly voted for partial-birth abortion and she constantly pushes to legalize gay marriage. Depending on your views, this may or not irritate you, but what I am about to share with you should make every American ultimately concerned. Nanci Pelosi has voted to cut intelligence funding both before and after September 11th, she voted against funding for our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, she voted against the creation of Homeland Security and, not surprisingly, she voted against the PATRIOT Act being reauthorized. She also wants to prevent the wireless wiretapping program, which has thwarted numerous terrorist attacks. Basically, she will attempt to severely limit our country's ability to defend itself and prevent future terrorist attacks.

Additionally, Pelosi is known for her degrading remarks towards our President in 2004. In an interview she is quoted as saying, "Bush is an incompetent leader. In fact, he's not a leader. He's a person who has no judgment, no experience and no knowledge of the subjects that he has decided upon." Pelosi has expressed her desire to impeach the President and conduct investigations into some of his decisions in Iraq and Hurricane Katrina. As a country, this is the last thing that we need. America is politically divided enough and with major concerns, both domestically and

abroad, Pelosi should be worrying about legitimate issues (like giving our government the proper tools to prevent terrorist attacks...instead of voting against every national security proposal).

The Speaker of the House is a very powerful political position in Washington, D.C. and the fact that it is now Nanci Pelosi's may lead to serious trouble in the future. Hopefully, she will be able to gain a better understanding of the War on Terror and what it takes to defend our country, but it is not likely. Nanci Pelosi has two years to prove me wrong, and I hope that she does for America's sake.



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Liberal:
Peter Connors

I'm looking forward to the House being led by Nancy Pelosi. I cannot pretend to have followed her career in

San Francisco, being far removed from such a political sphere, yet her recent statements sound encouraging. Specifically, I find her outlook and expectations of multi-partisan collaboration to be a lofty, though inspiring, goal. I think that such expectations are a breath of fresh air in response to the numerous recent "who cares what you think Democrat" Republican initiatives (Iraq, the Kyoto Protocol, etc).

More than any other issue, I am excited by Mrs. Pelosi's stance and history when it comes to the environment. Anyone who has sat in a global politics class with me knows that I am far from being a stern supporter of the World Bank, but I do find comfort in the requirement that the WB consider the environmental impacts of any developmental suggestions. This requirement was secured through the efforts of Representative Pelosi. I realize that many more World Bank suggestions would not pass if they actually were fully "considered," but I still be-

lieve that it is important and substantial that Mrs. Pelosi was able to add such language. Furthermore, I believe that Representative Pelosi will be a strong advocate for domestic environmental issues. Through perusing of her websites and literature, one notices a great dedication to such issues. In my home state of Connecticut, we've lost over 5 million dollars in state funding for clean water initiatives, a trend that has been seen nationwide. I hope to see Representative Pelosi, who provides this information, make action on it.

Returning to the national spectrum, in September 2005, a Republican submitted

bill was passed which gutted the Endangered Species act, leaving it difficult to reconcile development and conservation issues. Democrats have offered alternatives to this bill, and I hope and expect Representative Pelosi to come through on this issue. I realize that I stuck to the environmental issues through this piece, but I believe that this is where Mrs. Pelosi is different, and is the area in which she will prove herself to bring Democratic rhetoric to term. I wish her the best.

The writers of Multipartisan Hackery are by no means experts on the topic of which they write, but are openly vocal about with their political beliefs and are writing from their perspective. The ideas presented in Multipartisan Hackery do not necessarily represent those of The Archway, its editors, writers, or Bryant University. Please realize that people who fall along the political spectrum at the same place as these writers often have a different opinion on the subject at hand. Readers are strongly encouraged to write letters to the editor in response to the opinions expressed in this column. If you feel unrepresented, send us an e-mail with your thoughts. We will always have room in Multipartisan Hackery for a liberterian, and even an anarchist.

Cool Dude

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people try smoking, alcohol and other drugs when they come to college and are away from home for the first time. In the beginning all these things seem harmless when we see our friends doing it and seeming to have fun. But the truth is that behind such things lurks unexpected danger and potential harm which can ruin lives.

The general rule is that you should be suspicious of consuming anything that dulls your senses or alters them in any unnatural way. Human senses are a gift. The gift of seeing clearly, hearing clearly, smelling clearly, and experiencing clearly can only be appreciated if we are in our natural state of body and mind. Life offers no guarantees to anyone, and we are too limited as human beings to see the future. But our God given intelligence tells us that over the long run, people who avoid alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes and lead a natural life are more alert and likely to lead healthier lives. This is not a moral judgment but an observation based on experience and some scientific research.

If you have a healthy lifestyle and have already made constructive choices about drinking, drugs, and smoking, find others like you and keep their company for support. Community of like minded people is very helpful in life. If you have one or more of these habits, then the best time to give them up is when you are young.

When we are young we have enormous physical strength and resources and the will power and can easily make very positive changes in our lives which go with us until the end. As we get older and the habits become more ingrained, it becomes more difficult (but certainly not impossible) to kick the addictions.

For those who feel they cannot give up their addiction or do not want to, my advice would be to be moderate and manage your behavior in such a way so that it is not destructive to yourself or others. This can be done through application of intelligent reasoning while one is sober and rational with sensitivity to one's own safety and that of others.

Good luck! If you have any questions, write me and I will try to answer them!
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Marriage is not what it used to be...

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

The United States currently is experiencing a time of skyrocketing divorce rate where around 50% of married individuals have been divorced. It is a problem with commitment that people have in general that causes this divorce rate. Marriage is no longer seen as the 'everlasting bond' that it used to be seen as in the past. There are many reasons if you ask me for why the divorce rate is as high as it is at this point in time.

Marriage is seen by some as a matter of convenience and this is very sad for me to see. Two people that may care about each other get married but there is no real intense love that should be present when you pick a mate. Some people have the mindset that if they get married they will receive benefits such as someone to split expenses with and receive tax breaks that could prove beneficial. The fact this mindset even exists is pathetic. It is hard to believe people can be so ill-minded they see marriage as 'a con-

venience'. It is no wonder that people who enter a relationship with this kind of mindset end up getting divorced when they finally get a dose of reality and realize that they entered into a far more serious situation than they originally felt would occur.

The obsession with money in this country also has to do with the rising divorce rate. One of the largest incorrect reasons that people get married for is because their mate has plenty of money and can take care of financial responsibilities. I do not mean to sound sexist but, especially certain women as opposed to men take into account the value of a person before getting married. One exception to the statement I just made may apply to the recently divorced Kevin Federline.

As a man it sounds wrong but I feel the need to have a prenuptial agreement when I do get married so that one day when I do make a large amount of money I can not be misused due to that. This prenuptial agreement would not be because I would not love whoever I would be marrying but instead to prevent a situation

where I could get in an argument with my spouse at a later point in time and as a result my significant other could file for a divorce and walk away with half of my money. I feel almost dirty having this mindset but I have faced the fact that many people do have the idea to take advantage of people for their money.

Another reason for divorce is that one of the people in the relationship is just not happy anymore. This is the most valid reason I have given so far but it is still flawed in its reasoning because people who say this are usually unwilling to change their ways for a better relationship. Once a person who is married gets the idea in their head that they are unhappy then there is no changing their mind. Even if they attend marriage counseling they are unwilling to change.

So, what should we do about the high rate of divorce? The main idea that I suggest is that the divorce process be made more complex so that divorce only takes place for those who are extremely passionate about getting one. If getting a divorce is as easy as

filling out a few forms, then people who get caught up in disagreements will be too quick to act in filing a divorce as opposed to working on fixing their problems before overreacting.

I would also propose that before receiving a divorce the couple would have to go through a mandatory course that would be taught by a counselor informing them about other possible outlets they could use instead of divorce. When these strategies for cooperating are tried in the home there is a possibility, although it may be slight, that the issue could be resolved with no divorce taking place.

There are very few situations that I feel divorce is the right choice, as you can tell from reading my article. Divorce is something that is overused, mostly for the wrong reasons. One situation that I do feel divorce is the best option is if there is abuse taking place. When people are getting physically hurt something needs to be done so that the couple will be separated to stop the abusive behavior.

Bulldog Reviews: Stranger than Fiction

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Columnist

When watching "Stranger than Fiction," I like to reflect back on my review of "Man of the Year" and my shock about how unfunny the movie was. While I was a little less informed about "Stranger than Fiction," I still was expecting something really funny considering Will Farrell's participation. While that isn't exactly what I got, I can safely say that, unlike "Man of the Year," "Stranger

than Fiction" takes a chance and brings something new to the table.

"Stranger than Fiction" is a 'dramady' that follows the life of a pathetic and lonely man named Harold Crick (Will Farrell). One day, Harold wakes up to discover that he can hear a voice that seems to be narrating his life. To his aggravation, there is nothing he can do to stop it. When the voice

finally hints at Harold's upcoming death, Harold sets out on a mission to find out who the voice actually is and what he can do to stop it.

There is a lot to like in "Stranger than Fiction." First off, the acting is top notch on all parts. Will Farrell steps out of his usual role and plays a character that is not only serious, but also a loser at life. It almost reminded me of a role Bill Murray, as of late, would be playing (minus Garfield) if he was a bit younger. The movie also has a great sense of humor. While not laugh-out-loud funny, it does appeal as a dry sense of humor that is rare in comedies today. I'm also impressed with how original the story is. While I was expecting the story to be gim-

micky and simply focused on Will Ferrell hearing the voice that makes him go crazy, the nice twist of him realizing he was going to die takes the movie in a cool direction. All is not good in this movie, however. What ultimately stops the movie from being great is the way the plot is handled. There is so much going on in the movie, it just can't seem to focus on one thing. The plot switches from point to point so randomly that you never really get a chance to sit back

and appreciate what is going on. An example, without spoiling, would be when Harold finally discovers true love halfway through the movie. After it happens, that whole love plot is completely dropped for the rest of the movie. Even the narrations almost entirely stop after the voice talks about Harold's death, just to make room for new plots in the

mix. This seems to stretch the film somewhat thin, taking away some of the movie's heart.

I liked this film. I really did. It's just tough when a film of this genre lacks the heart that makes you fall in love with the characters. At times I did, but in the end, they were forgettable. I do, however, recommend going to see this movie just because of its original plot and humor that entertains to the very end. Fans of Will Farrell beware: this is not Ricky Bobby or Ron Burgundy. Expect to see him in a more serious and, in some ways, better role. I've debated for days, but I feel "Stranger than Fiction" deserves 3 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.



Courtesy of www.stltoday.com

In this scene Will Ferrell and Dustin Hoffman have a conversation in the locker room.

This Movie earned
3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



Collyer's Concerts: Jack's Mannequin

By Evan Collyer
Staff Columnist

So, here is a story all about how, there has not been any concerts as of recently that have stuck out to me as being potential good shows. I'm going to date myself here and tell you all how Jack's Mannequin kicked the poop out of incredible. On September 24th, almost two months ago, Andrew McMahon stepped out onto the stage at Edwards Auditorium at the University of

Rhode Island.

When we arrived at URI, we were expecting to wait a good while before Jack's Mannequin took the stage, there were suppose to be a series of openers including Daphne Loves Derby, Copeland and the Hush Sound. Though we were caught off guard when we showed up for an 8pm show at 7:30 pm and Daphne Loves Derby had already played. The people at Edwards

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Horoscopes



10/23 - 11/21

Scorpio

Finish the old job and start a new one. It's not easy but you can do it. State your intention first, and stick to it.



11/22 - 12/21

Sagittarius

As you watch the big picture, the fog begins to lift. Finish doing what you promised and the end will soon be in sight.



12/22 - 1/19

Capricorn

You and your entire group need a newer, bigger challenge. Choose something that's impossible, just to make it interesting.



1/20 - 2/18

Aquarius

You've been laboring under difficult conditions. You'll still be busy, but it will get easier to communicate with the brass. Follow the protocol, and continue to work within the system.



2/19 - 3/20

Pisces

You'll hear all sorts of interesting things in the next few weeks. Why let it happen randomly? Ask questions and finally get answers.



3/21 - 4/19

Aries

Face it, you've had difficulty making all the ends meet. Conditions are improving regarding your willingness to do without. This will help a lot.



4/20 - 5/20

Taurus

A person you've been trying to convince is beginning to listen. Continue to make good sense, and you'll eventually win.



5/20 - 6/21

Gemini

Next week is going to be busy again. It's important for you to relax. Do that while discussing the upcoming situation with friends who are good problem-solvers.



6/22 - 7/22

Cancer

You've got a lot of ideas. Why not turn some of them into money? Make it a family endeavor, and you'll have more time together.



7/23 - 8/22

Leo

Try out new things, just because. You're developing creative talents. Don't worry about being wrong. But don't hurt yourself, either.



8/23 - 9/22

Virgo

You've been encountering stumbling blocks as you designed your plans for the future. The worst is past. For the next three weeks, you have a clear path.



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From CDs to TV: Rappers host shows

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Something I observed the other day while surfing through the channels was the abundance of television shows that feature rap artists. In particular, I noticed the shows that star Flavor Flav, Xzibit, and Ice T. MTV is the home of Xzibit's show, *Pimp My Ride*. VH1 is the network that hosts Flavor Flav's show, *Flavor of Love*, and Ice T's show, *Ice T's Rap School*. In this article I will review the three shows starring rap artists.

Xzibit's *Pimp My Ride* is the show that has been on the air longer than the rest of the shows, becoming a premier show for the MTV network. The sixth season of this show is scheduled to begin soon and diehard viewers cannot wait.

For those who have not seen the show before, *Pimp My Ride* is a show where rap star Xzibit transforms a lucky individual's rundown car into a new, stylish looking automotive. The show begins with Xzibit going to a person's house and telling them that he is going to "pimp their ride." Seeing the cars before they are transformed is funny because some of these cars are in such awful shape they may be missing a door or have other glaring flaws.

Xzibit then takes the car to an auto garage where the work on the car begins. Depending on the type of individual who owns the car, the crew customizes the vehicle in a way they would love. These customizations are always over the top and amazing, as most makeovers include the installation of several TV's and gaming systems, among many other unique customizations depending on the individual.

In seeing these rebuilt cars as opposed to what they used to be, the transformation process that took place is amazing. The look on the faces of the car owners when they see their old cars in their new form is priceless as the excitement level is off the charts.

Flavor Flav has finished filming the third season of his show, *Flavor of Love*. In this show Flavor Flav has twenty girls compete for the chance to

be his girlfriend. During the season, Flavor Flav takes the girls on dates to get to know them so he can make better decisions on who he wants to advance to the next round.

I feel the show in general is weak and can get very lame very fast. One reason I would watch the show would be just to see Flavor Flav and laugh at some of the senseless antics that are so stupid, they come off as funny. This show contains too much drama for my taste, as it is reminiscent of *The Real World*, with housemates fighting and all of the girls yelling at each other, each claiming "they belong with Flav."

My favorite of the three shows named above is definitely *Ice T's Rap School*. In this show Ice T goes to a small prep school in Manhattan, where he tries to turn a group of preppy eighth graders into a superstar rap group. The progress the kids have made to this point in the season (five episodes) is extraordinary, as a corny looking group of eighth graders is gradually resembling a rap group.

The group of kids has been practicing and at the end of the season will be opening for a Public Enemy concert. As the date of the show approaches the kids go through dilemmas within the group that they have to overcome in order to put on a successful show.

I like this show for two reasons; it is based in the city of New York and Ice T actually teaches the kids some valuable lessons. Anyone from New York or just anybody who loves the city would appreciate this show because of the way that different projects the group undertakes are filmed all over the city. The things that Ice T tells the kids in their preparation for the show are valuable things that he reinforces such as perseverance, believing in yourself, and having confidence. As opposed to the other shows this show actually leaves the participants with something of value that they can

take home after the show ends. These shows that are hosted by rap artists appear to be growing in popularity, so I would expect to see more and more shows like these, judging by the success that they have had to this point.



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Three artists that have their own TV shows are Flavor Flav, Xzibit, and Ice T

Spears and K-Fed are Done

By Carlos Ramos
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Barely two months after the birth of their second child, Jayden James, pop princess Britney Spears files for divorce from estranged dancer, rapper husband Kevin Federline.

Spears came out of seclusion and made her comeback appearance on *Late Show with David Letterman*, where she came out in a black mini giving the public the first look at her post baby body, and quickly scooted off stage.

While people were still talking about Spears' new look Tuesday morning, news broke later in the afternoon on TMZ.com the entertainment website, that Spears had filed papers for a divorce from K-Fed citing irreconcilable differences.

Later on during the night, Spears was sighted going out to dinner with friends, and ice skating at Rockefeller Ice skating Rink in New York City, accompanied by former manager Larry Rudolph, who is responsible for launching her career.

In the divorce papers, Spears is asking for full custody of both Sean Preston and Jaydon Spears, while Federline is asking for the same and child support.

Fortunately for Spears, Federline signed an ironclad prenuptial agreement, protecting her from Federline getting at her estimated \$150 million dollar fortune. In the agreement Federline would only get approximately \$300,000 a year, if anything at all.

Many people are asking if Spears can still make a comeback. The stage is set for her comeback, and she is not wasting any time, as she left New York music studios, and recently flew down to Miami to work on her new album with producer Pharrell Williams.

Fans will be eager to hear new music, for Spears hasn't released an original album since 2003. Spears is currently the eighth highest selling female artist of all time, and has sold over 70 million records worldwide.

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Auditorium had decided to start the concert an hour ahead of the original schedule. We were a little disappointed by the fact that we did not get to enjoy the wonderful sounds of Daphne Loves Derby.

"I've got my things I'm good to go," and he was off and playing that piano like never before. Andrew and the guys started the night off by playing "Bruised," from their full length album "Everything in Transit." Andrew McMahon, the front man for Something Corporate started Jack's Mannequin as a side project after being diagnosed with Acute Lymphatic Leukemia (ALL).

They continued the show by playing other songs from their album, and the crowd went crazy when Andrew started playing the hit single "Dark Blue." The show was a little different than most other shows, where the lead singer plays the piano. Andrew has a tendency to get up and walk around the stage, and he is also not very gentle when he plays that piano either. At times throughout the show you can see him, slamming his feet and hands on the keys. The crowd was enjoying the show, and singing along to all the songs, including "Holiday From Real," "Rescued," "I'm Ready," and "Me and



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The Moon" from Something Corporate. They finally ended the night by playing possibly my own personal favorite song of theirs "La La Lie." After the show had ended, we attempted to wait by the tour busses for a short time period with hopes to meet Andrew. We quickly grew tired of standing out in the rain, and decided to depart and head back home.

Overall the show was a huge success, and it is always fun getting to see Andrew take the stage. His stage presence and sense of humor make the show a memorable experience. It is always interesting being a college student and being surrounded by fourteen year-old girls and their mothers. Jack's Mannequin is a band that I recommend to everyone to see live before Andrew goes on to make another side project. I strongly encourage everyone to try to catch Andrew as he fronts Something Corporate, on their upcoming Spring Tour. Over the next few weeks, I will be seeing Edwin McCain, Ben Taylor, the son of James Taylor, and reliving Spring Weekend 2006 Under the Big Top with Dashboard Confessional.

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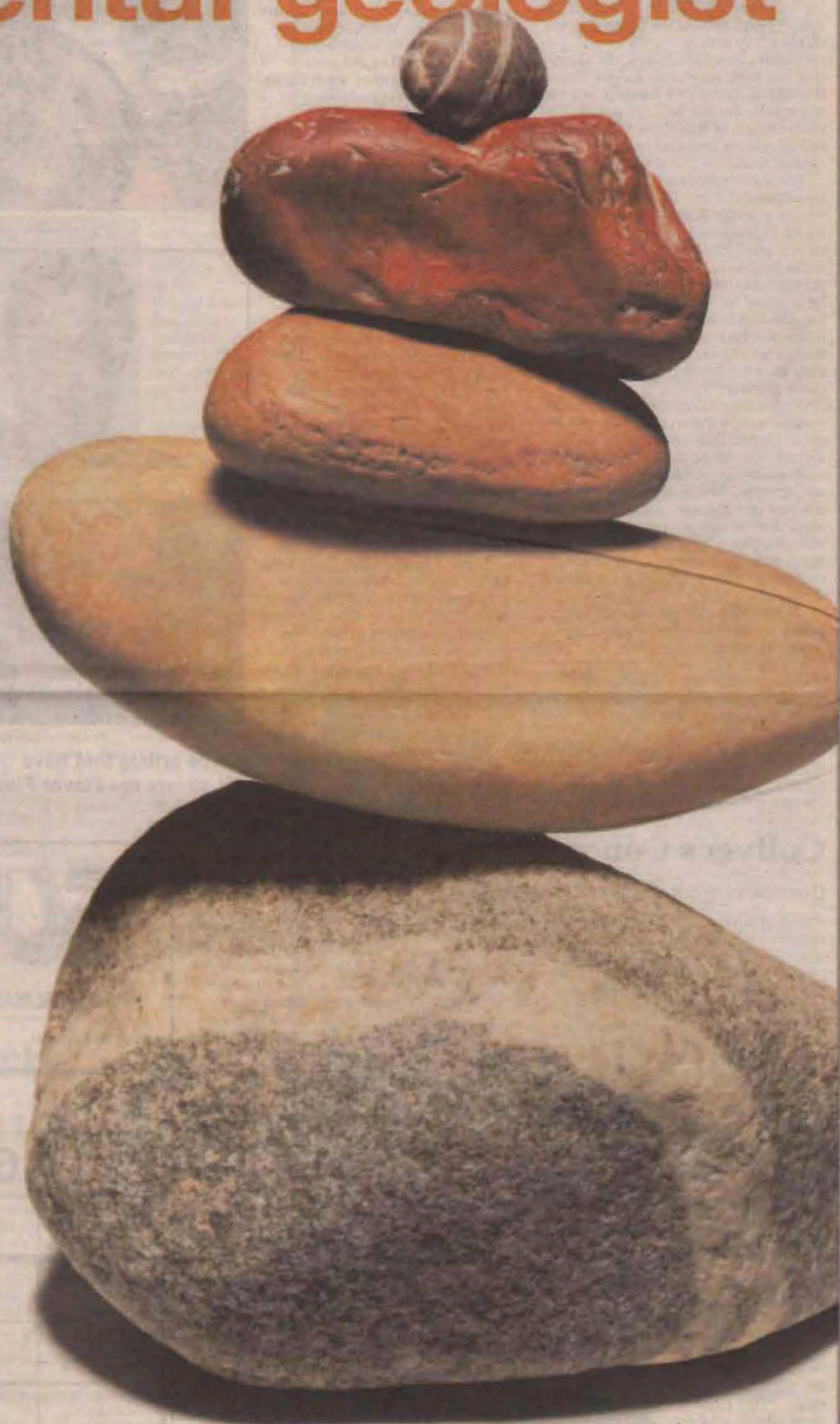
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